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January 10, 2000

Mr. David Lauriski, Chairman of Utah's Board of Oil, Gas & Mining
% Vicki Bailey, Secretary for the Board
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Re: Request to Be Heard Concerning Moab Salt's Surety

Dear Mr. Lauriski:

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The purpose of this letter is to request that the Utah Board of Oil, Gas & Mining allow Moab Salt to be heard during the briefing session of the Board's January 26, 2000 meeting. In particular, Moab Salt would like to explain to the Board the replacement of its current \$10 million self bond agreement (provided by Moab Salt's current parent company) with a \$13.2 million surety bond (provided by Moab Salt's prospective new parent company) and to seek the Board's concurrence (although no formal Board approval is required) with the Division's decision to allow the replacement of the \$10 million self bond with the \$13.2 million surety bond.

If you have any questions regarding this request, please do not hesitate to call myself or David Little at (801) 521-5800.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "EBR", followed by a long horizontal line.

E. Blaine Rawson

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cc: Tom Mitchell

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